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IN SMALL WIDTH DEVICES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

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